

HOW TO MAKE BINGO CARDS

You will need to use cardboard that happens to be in excellent condition, and a suggested size of each card should be $4\frac{1}{2}$ " across, and $5\frac{1}{2}$ " down. A cutting draft board is required to cut each card down to its suggested size. You may alter the card size if you want to, but only the directions are shown for cards measuring $4\frac{1}{2}$ " x $5\frac{1}{2}$ ".

1. To make Bingo cards in the size measuring $4\frac{1}{2}$ " x $5\frac{1}{2}$ ", you will need a ruler to mark--in pencil only!--from the $5\frac{1}{2}$ " angle, lines 1" from the left, and $\frac{3}{4}$ " from the right, making the line $3\frac{3}{4}$ " long. Do this from both $5\frac{1}{2}$ " sides.
2. From the $4\frac{1}{2}$ " angle, use a thin marker to draw a straight line $3\frac{3}{4}$ " long, with the starting point at $\frac{3}{8}$ " from both the left and right sides. Do the same for the bottom line to form an enclosed square.
3. On all sides, make small lines at $\frac{3}{4}$ " intervals, then make straight lines from each end to form a grill of $25\frac{3}{4}$ " x $\frac{3}{4}$ " squares. You are now ready to make Bingo cards if directions are followed as shown!
4. Be sure to erase all pencil marks that you made on the card before you begin.
5. You should now make the letters B-I-N-G-O on the top of each square, followed by an "X" or the words "Free Space" in the third square of the "N" column.
6. Write down, in small print, the number of the card you are making if you want this to be a series of cards. For example, if you are making Bingo cards numbered 25 to 70, write down "25" in a smaller size on any corner of the card; you must use the same corner for the rest of the cards.
7. Make sure that you have 75 different numbered Bingo pieces, and a bag or cage, to place the numbers in before drawing. Mix the numbers so that they can be selected in random order. All cards have numbers printed from top to bottom in the order of selection.
8. Draw out the first number. For example, if you select "B-15," this means that 15 is the first number to be printed from the top of the "B" column.
9. Continue to draw numbers until you have finished all 24 numbers on the card. If you, at any time, select a number that belongs in a column that is already filled, ignore it; it can be used to make on the next card only if space is available for it.
10. Place all the numbered pieces back where they belong, then mix them again, and follow the same procedures as shown.

This is a great hobby for people to do, because there is no better game than BINGO!